

## Austin Comprehensive Plan

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April 23, 2009  
City Council Presentation

## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

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- **A document adopted by Council Ordinance that:**
  - Establishes a vision to guide future development within the entire City and its ETJ
  - Contains the City Council's policies and plans for growth and development
  - Sets up an ongoing process to implement, review, and update the plan





## Anticipated Plan Components

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- **Vision and Policy Framework**

- Lays out the vision for the community and incorporates and integrates key themes to respond to the question "*Where are we going?*"

- **Ten City Charter-Required Components**

- Addresses the question "*How do we get there?*"

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## Ten Charter-Required Elements

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- Future land use element
- Traffic circulation and transit element
- Wastewater, solid waste, drainage and potable water element
- Conservation and environmental resources element
- Recreation and open space element
- Housing element
- Public services and facilities element that includes but not be limited to a capital improvement program
- Public buildings and related facilities element
- Economic element for commercial and industrial development and redevelopment
- Health and human services element

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## RFQ Requirements

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- **Creatively and actively engage all of Austin's citizens in development of the plan**
- **Address current issues facing Austin, such as:**
  - Population growth
  - Environmental protection
  - Neighborhoods
  - Mobility
  - Affordable housing
  - Sustainability / climate change
- **Focus on plan implementation**
- **Complete plan in a timely fashion**

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## RFQ Selection Process

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- Standard RFQ Process
  - **Phase I**: Request for Qualifications Process and Scoring
  - **Phase II**: Panel interviews and Presentations
  - **Phase III**: Finalist Presentations to Council
  - **Phase IV**: Council Award

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## RFQ Process Results

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- RFQ Released: **September 30, 2008**
- Proposals Received and Evaluated during Phase I: **5**
- Short Listed for Phase II – Presentation and Interviews with Evaluation Panel: **3**
- Results of Phase I and II: **3 finalists**
- Finalist Presentations to Council: **February 11**
- Council Award: **Pending**

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## Citizen Input: Activities and Results

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- **March 4:** Town Lake Center Forum for public to suggest questions for Council to ask the consultants
- **March 13:** Council's questions sent to consultants
- **March 27:** Consultants submit their responses
- **April 7:** Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Forum for public to comment on the finalists
- **February 27 – April 13:** Comprehensive Plan RFQ materials available on City web site
- **April 13:** Last day for public to submit comments on the finalists.
- **April 15:** All citizen comments, input submitted to Council

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## **March 4: Town Lake Center Forum - Results**

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- At least 52 attendees
- Public suggested 60 questions for the consultants, and another 22 questions for staff
- Council compiled 24 questions for the consultants
- The consultants' responses consisted of 31, 33, and 38 pages

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## **April 7: Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Forum - Results**

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- At least 43 attendees
- Through April 13, 78 comments were received
  - Meeting notes, emails, comment cards, letters

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## Public Comments: February 12

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- Council Presentation and City Hall Open House
  - 21 written and email comments received
  - 17 comments supported ACP Vision + Planning
  - 1 supported WRT
  - 1 supported hiring a firm for the Comp Plan
  - 2 Expressed issues and concerns about the planning process and COA budget issues

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## Public Comments: April 7

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- Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center
  - Wide range of comments on process and consultants
  - 17 written and email comments received
    - 9 on process
    - 3 supported WRT
    - 1 supported ACP
    - 2 against ACP
    - 2 supported moving forward with the comp plan

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## **Finalists**

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- ACP Visioning + Planning
  - Staff Recommendation through Phases I and II of the RFQ process
  
- Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC
  
- HNTB Corporation

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## **Comprehensive Plan Web Site**

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